

H.R. 3084. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2440. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security.

S. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her.

S. Con. Res. 70. Concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring the national veterans service organizations of the United States.

S. Con. Res. 141. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document.

#### WELCOME TO REVEREND LAWRENCE A. LAMBERT, JR.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I am here to welcome to the House Chamber and to our Nation's Capitol one of my constituents and one of the citizens of Kansas, Reverend Lambert, who is here today with his wife, Linda, and graciously delivered the invocation on our proceedings today.

Reverend Lambert is the United Methodist minister in the community of Greensburg, a community of several thousand people in the southern part of Kansas. It is a delight to have him and his wife with us.

I appreciate his prayers and concerns for our country and for the House of Representatives and for the task we have before us. This is Reverend Lambert's first visit to the Nation's Capitol, and we are delighted to have him as our guest today.

#### THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO HELP CITIZENS OF SIERRA LEONE

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to discuss the abominable situation in Africa. We have had over two decades of killings, maimings, abductions, and the murder of approximately 1 million Africans. Our State Department has done virtually nothing.

If we compare what has happened in Africa and what has happened in Kosovo and Bosnia, where we have sent troops, Bosnia and Kosovo do not begin to compare in deaths and human agony with what has happened in Africa.

I am particularly concerned about Sierra Leone, where we now have a battle

over diamonds. It is not a political battle, it is a battle for money, for diamonds, for power. Charles Taylor of Liberia undoubtedly is interfering. There is some evidence that Mr. Qaddafi from Libya is also interfering, and others from Guinea and other lands. And yet, we do nothing. We stand and watch it happen.

Last week in a hearing chaired by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) of the Subcommittee on Africa, we saw the maimed and injured, little children whose arms had been chopped off, a terrible, terrible sight, and our State Department and our country have done virtually nothing.

It is time for us to rise up and help the citizens of that Nation. I ask that we do that.

#### WEN HO LEE, A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SCAPEGOAT

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I do not know if Wen Ho Lee is a spy, but one thing for sure, Wen Ho Lee is a scapegoat. Wen Ho Lee was a diversion used by Janet Reno to avoid the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate illegal Chinese campaign contributions to the Democrat National Committee.

Who is kidding whom? Even Barney Fife can see through this ploy. Wake up, Congress. A Chinese Red Army general, a Red Army general was one of the Chinese who funneled money to the Democrat National Committee, and there has been no investigation. Beam me up.

I yield back the treason of Janet Reno and the secrets still to be stolen by the Chinese.

#### MISLEADING STATEMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, do Members remember that all-American slogan: baseball, mom, and apple pie? We have a new campaign slogan today, thanks to the Vice President, the person who supposedly invented the Internet. It goes, dog, mother-in-law, and prescription drugs.

This week, the Boston Globe, no member of the vast right wing conspiracy, and the Washington Times both reported that GORE made up an anecdote about the cost of drugs. Why would the Vice President mislead our Nation's seniors and the entire media by telling a bogus personal story that his mother-in-law pays three times the price for arthritis medicine as compared to his dog? Why would he stretch the truth on such an important issue that the Republican House already has taken action on to lower the cost of

medicines by 25 percent? Why would he puff up a false personal story? Solely to score political points with our Nation's seniors?

Whatever the motive, it is time for some straight talk, not invented rhetoric. America's families and senior citizens deserve no less. People should come before politics.

#### REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Mr. PASCRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, the House passed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act on September 26. The funding for that act expired on September 30. When is the Senate going to act?

The vote here was 415 to 3. The House took great strides in reauthorizing the funding programs in the VAWA that will improve the quality of life for millions of women and children across the country. It reauthorizes programs that make a real difference in our communities: the STOP grants, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, battered women's shelters, rape crisis centers.

I visited one of those centers just recently. They are doing the job. That is why we reauthorized it. Where is the Senate? We must be sensitive to the needs of every woman who is a victim of these tragic circumstances.

I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) for their leadership on this critical legislation.

#### BUREAUCRATS PRACTICING MEDICINE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, obviously, I am no medical doctor. Therefore, I would never presume to know what medication, for example, would be better to treat the heart condition of a 72-year-old woman in Winnemucca, Nevada.

Yet, the Gore plan thinks that Washington bureaucrats should know best which drug should or should not be used by my constituents 2,000 miles away in Nevada. After all, that is what his Medicare Modernization Act calls for, 182 new mandates on prescription drug delivery, including a government formulary to cover prescriptions. If a drug is not listed in the Gore formulary, Medicare will not cover it, and a needy citizen, a senior, will not be able to obtain their life-saving medication.

Mr. Speaker, this same plan has failed miserably in Canada and Europe. My fellow citizens in Nevada and across America should not be denied access to the prescription drugs they